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I. Introduction

1. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 17 September 2008, the General Committee considered a memorandum by the Secretary-General relating to the organization of the sixty-third regular session and future sessions of the General Assembly, the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items (A/BUR/63/1 and Corr.1). A summary of the discussions will appear in the summary records of the meetings (A/BUR/63/SR.1 and 2).

2. The General Committee took note of the provisions of the following resolutions, which are reflected in the present document under the relevant sections:

(a) Annex I (Guidelines on the Rationalization of the Agenda of the General Assembly) to resolution 48/264, entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly";

(b) The annex to resolution 51/241, entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations system";

(c) The annex to resolution 55/285, entitled "Revitalization of the General Assembly: improving the efficiency of the General Assembly";

(d) Resolution 57/301, entitled "Amendment to rule 1 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and opening date and duration of the general debate";

(e) Resolution 58/126, entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly";

(f) Resolution 58/316, entitled "Further measures for the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly";

(g) Resolution 59/313, entitled "A strengthened and revitalized General Assembly";

(h) Resolution 60/286, entitled "Revitalization of the General Assembly".

II. Organization of the session

A. General Committee

3. The General Committee took note of rule 40 of the rules of procedure and document A/56/1005 (annex, paras. 9 and 10) pertaining to the functions of the Committee.

4. The General Committee also took note of paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 58/316 pertaining to the functions of the Committee, in particular subparagraphs (e) to (h), according to which the Committee shall continue to consider the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items of the customary agenda of the General Assembly; continue to schedule informal briefings on topical issues; recommend to the Assembly a programme of and format for interactive debates on the items on its agenda; and continue to consider ways and means to further improve its working methods to increase its efficiency and effectiveness in all aspects.

5. The General Committee further took note that, at the outset of each session, each Vice-President of the General Assembly should designate a liaison person for the duration of the session. This designation may be made by means of a letter to the President (resolution 55/285, annex, para. 20).

B. Rationalization of work

6. The General Committee took note of the following General Assembly resolutions relating to the rationalization of work, including the administrative and financial functioning of the Organization:

(a) Resolution 41/213, entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations";

(b) Resolution 48/264, entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly";

(c) Resolution 52/12 B, entitled "Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform";

(d) Resolution 58/126, entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly";

(e) Resolution 58/316, entitled "Further measures for the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly";

(f) Resolution 59/313, entitled "A strengthened and revitalized General Assembly";

(g) Resolution 60/286, entitled "Revitalization of the General Assembly".

7. The General Committee also took note of paragraph 14 of the annex to resolution 55/285, which reads:

> 14. As regards implementation of paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 51/241, the President of the General Assembly, after consideration by the Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, shall inform the Assembly of his assessment of the debate on the report in order for the Assembly to determine the need for further action.

8. The General Committee draws to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 3 of the annex to resolution 58/316, paragraphs 8 and 9 of resolution 59/313 and paragraphs 25 and 26 of the annex to resolution 60/286 pertaining to the practices and working methods of the Main Committees.

9. The General Committee also draws to the attention of the General Assembly that the Main Committees shall meet in substantive session only after the end of the general debate and that the First Committee and the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) shall not meet simultaneously and may consider meeting in a sequential manner during the regular session of the General Assembly. This arrangement shall not apply if it affects their respective identities, programmes of work and effective consideration of their agendas (resolution 51/241, annex, paras. 31 and 36).

C. Closing date of the session

10. The General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the sixty-third session of the Assembly recess on Tuesday, 16 December 2008, and close on Monday, 14 September 2009 (rules of procedure, rule 2 and annex IV, para. 4).

11. The General Committee also recommends to the General Assembly that, during the main part of the session, the First Committee complete its work by Tuesday, 4 November, the Sixth Committee by Friday, 14 November, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) by Friday, 7 November, the Third Committee by Tuesday, 25 November, the Second Committee by Friday, 28 November, and the Fifth Committee by Friday, 12 December 2008.[1]

D. Schedule of meetings

12. The General Committee took note of the fact that, in view of financial constraints, meetings at Headquarters are no longer serviced beyond 6 p.m. or on weekends, with the exception of the plenary of the General Assembly and the Security Council. Consequently, meetings of the Main Committees during the sixty-third session, including informal meetings, should start promptly at 10 a.m. and be adjourned by 6 p.m. on weekdays. The General Committee also took note of resolution 59/313, in which the General Assembly strongly urged all officers presiding over meetings of the General Assembly to start such meetings on time.

13. The General Committee took note of paragraph 1 (b) of the annex to resolution 58/316, which reads:

> (b) With effect from the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, the meetings of the plenary Assembly shall normally be held on Mondays and Thursdays.

14. Furthermore, the General Committee took note of the fact that measures introduced to reduce costs relating to overtime will be strictly enforced.

15. The General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that, in accordance with past practice, it waive the requirement that at least one third of the members of the Assembly in the case of plenary meetings and one quarter of the members of a Main Committee in the case of Main Committee meetings be present in order to declare a meeting open and to permit the debate to proceed. This recommendation is made on the understanding that such a waiver would not imply any permanent change in the provisions of rules 67 and 108 of the rules of procedure and that the requirement of the presence of a majority of the members for any decision to be taken would be maintained.

E. General debate

16. The General Committee draws to the attention of the General Assembly that, pursuant to resolution 57/301, the general debate for the sixty-third session shall

[1] A mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be established for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications (see para. 37).

begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 23 September. The General Committee recommends that the general debate be held from Tuesday, 23 September, to Saturday, 27 September, and on Monday, 29 September 2008. The General Committee also brings to the attention of the General Assembly that the list of speakers for each day shall be completed and no speakers will be transferred to the next day, notwithstanding the implications for hours of work. Furthermore, there shall be no time limits for the general debate, but the General Assembly will indicate a voluntary guideline of up to 15 minutes for each statement.

17. The General Committee also brings to the attention of the General Assembly that, pursuant to paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 58/126, the theme "The impact of the global food crisis on poverty and hunger in the world as well as the need to democratize the United Nations" has been proposed for the general debate at the sixty-third session.

F. Conduct of the meetings, length of statements, explanations of vote, right of reply, points of order and concluding statements

18. The General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to the relevant rules of procedure regarding the conduct of meetings, namely, rules 35, 68, 72, 73, 99 (b), 106, 109, 114 and 115.

19. The General Committee also draws to the attention of the General Assembly that explanations of vote should be limited to 10 minutes; that, when the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee; and that delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item (decision 34/401, paras. 6-8 (A/520/Rev.17, annex V)).

20. The General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that points of order be limited to five minutes.

21. With a view to streamlining the procedures of the General Assembly and as another cost-saving measure, the General Committee recommends to the Assembly that it review the recommendations contained in paragraph 22 of the annex to resolution 51/241 and paragraph 23 of document A/52/855 regarding the length of statements.

22. The General Committee also recommends to the General Assembly that, in order to save time at the end of the session, the practice of making concluding statements in the Assembly and its Main Committees should be dispensed with except for statements by the presiding officers (decision 34/401, para. 17 (A/520/Rev.17, annex V)).

23. The General Committee draws to the attention of the General Assembly resolution 59/313, in which the Assembly invited Member States that are aligned with statements already made by the chair of a group of Member States, where possible, to focus additional interventions that they make in their national capacity on points that have not already been adequately addressed in the statements of the

group in question, bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.

G. Records of meetings

24. The General Committee took note of the fact that, as at past sessions, during the sixty-third session verbatim records will continue to be provided for the plenary meetings of the General Assembly and the meetings of the First Committee, and summary records will be provided for the other Main Committees and the General Committee of the Assembly.

25. Furthermore, the General Committee draws to the attention of the General Assembly that the practice of reproducing statements in extenso as separate documents has been discontinued for all its subsidiary organs that are entitled to summary records and that any exceptions to this rule may be made by the body concerned only if the statements are to serve as bases for discussion and if, after hearing a statement of the relevant financial implications, the body decides that one or more statements in extenso may be included in the summary record, or reproduced as separate documents or as annexes to authorized documents (resolution 38/32 E, paras. 8 and 9).

26. The General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the practice of not reproducing in extenso statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the sixty-third session.

H. Resolutions

27. The General Committee brings to the attention of the General Assembly that:

- Whenever possible, resolutions requesting the discussion of a question at a subsequent session should not call for the inclusion of a separate new item and such discussion should be held under the item under which the resolution was adopted (decision 34/401, para. 32 (A/520/Rev.17, annex V)).
- Efforts should be made to reduce the number of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly. Resolutions should request reports of the Secretary-General only in cases where that would be indispensable for facilitating the implementation of those resolutions or the continued examination of the question.[2]
- In order to ensure that resolutions have greater political impact, they should be short, in particular as regards the preambular parts, and should focus more on action-oriented operative paragraphs (resolution 57/270 B, para. 69).
- Whenever possible, for the adoption by the General Assembly of agreed texts of resolutions and decisions, informal consultations should be carried out with the widest possible participation of Member States (resolution 45/45, annex, para. 1 (A/520/Rev.17, annex VII, para. 1)).

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/41/49), para. 21, recommendation 3 (f).

- The terms "takes note of" and "notes" are neutral terms that constitute neither approval nor disapproval (decision 55/488, annex).

28. The General Committee noted and decided to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that the Secretary-General encourages Member States to transmit all draft resolutions and decisions in electronic form as well as on paper; further encourages Member States to clearly indicate changes to previous resolutions in track changes format, using the previous resolutions as the base text; and wishes to inform the Member States that the submitters are responsible for ensuring that the electronic and paper versions of the draft resolutions and decisions are identical in content.

29. The General Committee also draws the attention of the General Assembly to rule 78 of the rules of procedure concerning discussions of and action by the Assembly on proposals. To ensure that copies of proposals may be circulated not later than the day preceding the meeting at which they will be considered, proposals should be submitted well in advance of the meeting.

I. Documentation

30. The General Committee draws to the attention of the General Assembly that the Assembly, including its Main Committees, should merely take note of those reports of the Secretary-General or subsidiary organs which do not require a decision by the Assembly and should neither debate nor adopt resolutions on them, unless specifically requested to do so by the Secretary-General or the organ concerned (decision 34/401, para. 28 (A/520/Rev.17, annex V)).

31. The General Committee also draws the attention of the General Assembly to section III of resolution 57/283 B regarding the timely issuance of documents in the six official languages of the Assembly. The General Committee further draws the attention of the Assembly to resolution 59/313, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure that documentation and reports are issued well in advance, in keeping with the six-week rule for the issuance of official documentation simultaneously in all official languages.

32. The General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to resolutions 48/264 and 55/285, in which the Assembly emphasized that restraint should be exercised in making requests for new reports and requested more integrated reports, and to resolution 57/270 B, in which it recognized the need to avoid requesting duplicative reports from the Secretary-General.

33. The General Committee also draws to the attention of the General Assembly that:

- Resolutions should contain requests for observations from States or reports by the Secretary-General insofar as they are likely to facilitate the implementation of the resolutions or the continued examination of the question (resolution 45/45, annex, para. 10 (A/520/Rev.17, annex VII, para. 10)).
- Member States and entities of the United Nations system should make a serious effort to submit their replies and inputs to requests for information or views pursuant to resolutions of the General Assembly within the prescribed deadlines (resolution 55/285, annex, para. 17).

- Member States, when seeking additional information, are encouraged to request that they be provided with the information either orally or, if in writing, in the form of information sheets, annexes, tables and the like (resolution 59/313, para. 17).

34. The General Committee further draws the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 6 of the annex to resolution 58/316, paragraphs 16 to 19 of resolution 59/313 and paragraph 29 of resolution 60/286 concerning documentation.

J. Questions relating to the programme budget

35. The General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to rule 153 of the rules of procedure, which reads:

> No resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General. No resolution in respect of which expenditures are anticipated by the Secretary-General shall be voted by the General Assembly until the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) has had an opportunity of stating the effect of the proposal upon the budget estimates of the United Nations.

36. With regard to rule 153 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 13 (d) of decision 34/401, which requires a minimum period of 48 hours before action is taken on a proposal so as to allow the Secretary-General to prepare the programme budget implications of drafts before the General Assembly, the General Committee draws the attention of the Assembly to the fact that, in most cases, more than 48 hours are required for the Secretary-General to review the programme budget implications of proposals before the Assembly.

37. The General Committee also draws the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 12 and 13 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.17, annex V), which read:

> 12. It is imperative that Main Committees should allow sufficient time for the preparation of the estimate of expenditures by the Secretariat and for its consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee and that they should take this requirement into account when they adopt their programme of work.
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> 13. Furthermore:
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> (a) A mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be established for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications;
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> (b) The Fifth Committee should, as a general practice, consider accepting without debate the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financial implications of draft resolutions up to a prescribed limit, namely, $25,000 on any one item;
>
> (c) Firm deadlines should be set for the early submission of the reports of subsidiary organs which require consideration by the Fifth Committee;
>
> (d) A minimum period of forty-eight hours should be allowed between the submission and the voting of a proposal involving expenditure in order to

allow the Secretary-General to prepare and present the related statement of administrative and financial implications.

38. The General Committee further draws the attention of the General Assembly to regulation 5.9 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8; first adopted in resolution 37/234, annex; the Rules in the present revised edition are issued pursuant to Assembly resolutions 53/207 and 54/236 and its decision 54/474). Regulation 5.9 reads:

> No council, commission or other competent body shall take a decision involving either a change in the programme budget approved by the General Assembly or the possible requirement of expenditure unless it has received and taken account of a report from the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the proposal.

39. Furthermore, the General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 6 of its resolution 35/10 A, which reads:

> 6. Decides that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the General Assembly shall be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications are being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly.

40. The General Committee also draws the attention of the General Assembly to section VI of its resolution 45/248 B on procedures for administrative and budgetary matters, which states that the Assembly:

> 1. Reaffirms that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;
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> 2. Reaffirms also the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
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> 3. Expresses its concern at the tendency of its substantive Committees and other intergovernmental bodies to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters;
>
> 4. Invites the Secretary-General to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters.

41. The General Committee further draws the attention of the General Assembly to the views expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[3] on the use of the phrase "within available resources" and its emphasis on the responsibility of the Secretariat to inform the Assembly thoroughly and accurately about whether there are enough resources to implement a new activity.

[3] Ibid., *Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/54/7).

K. Observances and commemorative meetings

42. Considering past practice, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that it adopt a format for commemorative meetings that includes statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the chairmen of the five regional groups and the representative of the host country.

L. Special conferences

43. The General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to the following:

- The Committee on Conferences recommended that the General Assembly instruct the Main Committees to review the number of special conferences of the United Nations already proposed and scheduled in their respective fields of activity prior to deciding upon the scheduling of new and additional special conferences, thus bearing in mind the relevant portions of Assembly resolution 33/55 (recommendation 6 of the Committee on Conferences,[4] adopted by the Assembly in decision 34/405, subpara. (b)).
- The decision of the General Assembly that no more than five special conferences should take place in a given year and that no more than one special conference should be convened at the same time should be strictly implemented.[5]
- The existing principle that United Nations bodies should meet at their respective established headquarters, as provided for in General Assembly resolution 40/243, should be strictly enforced. Whenever the Assembly accepts an invitation from the Government of a Member State to hold a conference or meeting away from established headquarters, the additional cost should be borne in full by that Government. The methods of budgeting these costs should be improved so as to ensure that all additional costs are accounted for.[6]

III. Adoption of the agenda

44. The General Committee considered the draft agenda of the sixty-third session submitted by the Secretary-General in his memorandum (A/BUR/63/1 and Corr.1). All proposals for the inclusion of items in the agenda of the sixty-third session have been communicated to Member States in the following documents:

(a) Provisional agenda of the sixty-third regular session (A/63/150 and Corr.1);

(b) Supplementary list of items proposed for inclusion in the agenda of the sixty-third session (A/63/200);

(c) Additional item proposed by Costa Rica (A/63/231).

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[4] Ibid., *Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 32* (A/34/32 and Corr.1), chap. VI.

[5] Ibid., *Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/41/49), para. 21, recommendation 2 (d).

[6] Ibid., recommendation 4.

45. The items proposed for inclusion are listed in the agenda, which appears in paragraph 64 below.

46. In paragraph 2 (a) of the annex to resolution 58/316, the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that the agenda of the General Assembly should be organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (or in the strategic framework, as appropriate), with an additional heading for "Organizational, administrative and other matters", for the purpose of giving a sense of structure to the work of the Assembly. Since the fifty-ninth session, the agenda of the Assembly has been structured accordingly. For the sixty-third session, the priorities are set out, inter alia, in paragraph 9 of resolution 61/254.

47. The General Committee took note of the relevant resolutions pertaining to the review of the agenda, namely, annex I to resolution 48/264, the annex to resolution 51/241, the annex to resolution 55/285, paragraphs 2 and 4 of the annex to resolution 58/316, and paragraph 60 of resolution 57/270 B, in which the General Assembly stated that the General Committee should ensure better coordination of the agendas of the Second and Third Committees.

48. Bearing in mind the extremely heavy workload of the General Assembly and the need to make the most effective use of scarce resources, the General Committee took note of the suggestion by the Secretary-General to consider deferring to a later session items for which decisions or action are not required at the current session (resolution 51/241, annex, paras. 23-26).

49. The General Committee took note of decision 49/426 of 9 December 1994, whereby the General Assembly decided that the granting of observer status in the General Assembly should in the future be confined to States and to those intergovernmental organizations whose activities covered matters of interest to the Assembly.

50. In connection with item 19 of the draft agenda (Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte), the General Committee decided to postpone to a later date its consideration of the question of the inclusion of this item.

51. In connection with item 28 (Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986) the General Committee decided not to recommend its inclusion in the agenda of the sixty-third session.

52. In connection with item 40 of the draft agenda (Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India), the General Committee decided to recommend that consideration of this item be deferred to the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly and that the item be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

53. With regard to sub-item (e) of item 58 of the draft agenda (Social development: review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences).

54. In connection with sub-item (k) of item 107 of the draft agenda (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

55. In connection with sub-item (l) of item 107 of the draft agenda (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of the judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

56. With regard to item 153 of the draft agenda (Observer status for the South Centre in the General Assembly), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

57. With regard to item 154 of the draft agenda (Observer status for the Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation in the General Assembly), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

58. With regard to item 155 of the draft agenda (Natural resources and conflict), the General Committee decided to postpone to a later date its consideration of the question of the inclusion of this item.

59. With regard to item 156 of the draft agenda (Commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Great Famine of 1932-1933 in Ukraine (Holodomor)), the General Committee decided to postpone to a later date, during this calendar year, its consideration of the question of the inclusion of this item.

60. With regard to item 157 of the draft agenda (Need to examine the fundamental rights of the 23 million people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to participate meaningfully in the activities of the United Nations specialized agencies), the General Committee decided not to recommend its inclusion in the agenda of the sixty-third session.

61. With regard to item 158 of the draft agenda (Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on whether the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo is in accordance with international law), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading F (Promotion of justice and international law).

62. With regard to item 159 of the draft agenda (Observer status for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in the General Assembly), the General Committee decided to postpone to a later date its consideration of the question of the inclusion of this item.

63. With regard to item 160 of the draft agenda (Observer status for the University for Peace in the General Assembly), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

64. Taking into account paragraphs 46 to 63 above, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following agenda:

Agenda organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization

1. Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly:
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly.[7]
5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.[7]
6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.[7]
7. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee.
8. General debate.

A. Maintenance of international peace and security

9. Report of the Security Council.
10. Report of the Peacebuilding Commission.
11. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict.
12. Prevention of armed conflict.
13. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development.
14. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic.
15. The situation in the Middle East.
16. Question of Palestine.
17. The situation in Afghanistan.
18. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan.
19. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba.
20. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development.[8]
21. Question of Cyprus.[8]
22. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo.[8]

[7] In accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly will hold these elections for its sixty-fourth session at least three months before the opening of that session.

[8] This item remains on the agenda for consideration upon notification by a Member State.

23. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).[8]

24. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti.[8]

25. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security.[8]

26. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait.[8]

27. Effects of atomic radiation.

28. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

29. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

30. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories.

31. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects.

32. Questions relating to information.

33. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations.

34. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

35. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations.

36. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories.

37. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

38. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.

39. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions.

B. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

40. Report of the Economic and Social Council.

41. Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS.

42. Sport for peace and development.

43. 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa.

44. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields.

45. Culture of peace.

46. Information and communication technologies for development.

47. Macroeconomic policy questions:

    (a) International trade and development;

    (b) International financial system and development;

    (c) External debt and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries;

    (d) Commodities.

48. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference.

49. Sustainable development:

    (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

    (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

    (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

    (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

    (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

    (f) Convention on Biological Diversity;

    (g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session.

50. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).

51. Globalization and interdependence:

    (a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;

    (b) International migration and development;

    (c) Culture and development;

    (d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption;

    (e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy.

52. Groups of countries in special situations:

    (a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

    (b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation.

53. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

    (a) Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017);

    (b) Industrial development cooperation.

54. Operational activities for development.

55. Social development:

    (a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;

    (b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;

    (c) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing;

    (d) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all;

    (e) Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons.

56. Advancement of women:

    (a) Advancement of women;

    (b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

C. Development of Africa

57. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support:

    (a) New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support;

    (b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa.

D. Promotion of human rights

58. Report of the Human Rights Council.

59. Holocaust remembrance.

60. Promotion and protection of the rights of children:

    (a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children;

    (b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.

61. Indigenous issues:

    (a) Indigenous issues;

    (b) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

62. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination:

    (a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

    (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

63. Right of peoples to self-determination.

64. Promotion and protection of human rights:

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

    (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

    (e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts

65. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions;

(c) Assistance to the Palestinian people.

F. Promotion of justice and international law

66. Report of the International Court of Justice.

67. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.

68. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

69. Report of the International Criminal Court.

70. Oceans and the law of the sea:

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea;

(b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments.

71. Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on whether the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo is in accordance with international law.

72. Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States.

73. Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission.

74. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-first session.

75. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session.

76. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts.

77. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives.

78. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization.

79. The rule of law at the national and international levels.

G. Disarmament

80. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

81. Reduction of military budgets.

82. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament.

83. Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe.

84. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament.

85. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security.

86. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East.

87. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

88. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.

89. General and complete disarmament:

    (a) Notification of nuclear tests;

    (b) Missiles;

    (c) Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus;

    (d) Disarmament and non-proliferation education;

    (e) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures;

    (f) Transparency in armaments;

    (g) Information on conference-building measures in the field of conventional arms;

    (h) Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status;

    (i) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;

    (j) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons and collecting them;

    (k) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

    (l) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments;

(m) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;

(n) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(o) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

(p) Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium;

(q) Reducing nuclear danger;

(r) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;

(s) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(t) Regional disarmament;

(u) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;

(v) Nuclear disarmament;

(w) Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities;

(x) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(y) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;

(z) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;

(aa) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(bb) United Nations conference to identify appropriate ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament.

90. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly:

(a) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services;

(b) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;

(e) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(f) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

(g) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;

(h) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa.

91. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session:

(a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament.

92. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East.

93. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects.

94. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region.

95. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty.

96. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction.

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

97. Crime prevention and criminal justice.

98. International drug control.

99. Measures to eliminate international terrorism.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

100. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.

101. Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund.

102. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.

103. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs:

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

(b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council;

(c) Election of five members of the International Court of Justice.

104. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections:

(a) Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

(b) Election of seven members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission;

(c) Election of eighteen members of the Human Rights Council.

105. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

(d) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

(e) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission;

(f) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee;

(g) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

(h) Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit;

(i) Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme;

(j) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

(k) Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal;

(l) Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal.

106. Admission of new Members to the United Nations.

107. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit.

108. Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade.

109. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations.

110. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.

111. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters.

112. Strengthening of the United Nations system.

113. Multilingualism.

114. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations:

(a) Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union;

(b) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization;

(c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations;

(d) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization;

(e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community;

(f) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries;

(g) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe;

(h) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States;

(i) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization;

(j) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community;

(k) Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie;

(l) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union;

(m) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System;

(n) Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States;

(o) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons;

(p) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe;

(q) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States;

(r) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

(s) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum;

(t) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization;

(u) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community.

115. Follow-up to the recommendations on administrative management and internal oversight of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme.

116. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors:

(a) United Nations;

(b) United Nations peacekeeping operations;

(c) International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO;

(d) United Nations University;

(e) Capital master plan;

(f) United Nations Development Programme;

(g) United Nations Children's Fund;

(h) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

(i) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(j) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(k) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(l) United Nations Population Fund;

(m) United Nations Human Settlements Programme;

(n) Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

(o) United Nations Office for Project Services;

(p) International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994;

(q) International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

117. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.

118. Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

119. Programme planning.

120. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations.

121. Pattern of conferences.

122. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations.

123. Human resources management.

124. Joint Inspection Unit.

125. United Nations common system.

126. United Nations pension system.

127. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

128. Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

129. Administration of justice at the United Nations.

130. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.

131. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

132. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations.

133. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi.

134. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire.

135. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

136. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

137. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor.

138. Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste.

139. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea.

140. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia.

141. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti.

142. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo.

143. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia.

144. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East:

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

145. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone.

146. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan.

147. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara.

148. Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur.

149. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad.

150. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

151. Observer status for the South Centre in the General Assembly.

152. Observer status for the Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation in the General Assembly.

153. Observer status for the University for Peace in the General Assembly.

IV. Allocation of items

65. The allocation of items described in paragraph 69 below is based on the pattern adopted by the General Assembly for those items in previous years and organized under the headings of the agenda in paragraph 64 above. The General Committee took note of the relevant resolutions and decisions dealing with guidelines for the allocation of items, namely, decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.17, annex V), resolution 39/88 B, resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.17, annexes VI and VII), annex I to resolution 48/264 and the annex to resolution 51/241.

66. The General Committee also took note of subparagraphs 4 (c), (e) and (i) of the annex to resolution 58/316 and paragraph 26 of resolution 61/134 relating to the allocation of items for the sixty-third session.

67. The General Committee further took note that any request by an organization for the granting of observer status in the General Assembly would be considered in plenary meeting after the consideration of the issue by the Sixth Committee of the Assembly (resolution 54/195).

68. Taking into account the recommendations in section III above regarding the adoption of the agenda, the General Committee approved the allocation of items contained in paragraph 75 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/63/1 and Corr.1).

69. **Plenary meetings**

(a) **Item 31** (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects). The General Committee took note of resolution 62/273, in which the Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations that the General Assembly hold a commemorative meeting at its sixty-third session, as described in paragraph 42 of A/62/250, for the sixtieth anniversary of peacekeeping.

(b) **Item 40** (Report of the Economic and Social Council). The General Committee took note of paragraph 4 (c) of the annex to resolution 58/316 and decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item in its entirety should be considered in plenary meeting, on the understanding that the administrative, programme and budgetary aspects should be dealt with by the Fifth Committee. The General Committee also took note of the clarification that, in implementing resolution 58/316, the relevant parts of chapter I of the report of the Economic and

Social Council will be considered by the Main Committees concerned, under agenda items already allocated to them, for final action by the Assembly.

(c) **Item 44** (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields). The General Committee took note of resolution 57/270 B, in which the General Assembly decided to consider under this item the chapters of the annual report of the Economic and Social Council relevant to the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including through the participation of the President of the Council in its discussions.

(d) **Item 44** (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields) and **item 107** (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit). The General Committee took note of resolution 60/265, in which the General Assembly decided to dedicate a specific meeting focused on development, including an assessment of progress over the previous year, at each session of the Assembly during the debate on the follow-up to the Millennium Declaration and the 2005 World Summit Outcome.

(e) **Item 52** (b) (Groups of countries in special situations: specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation). The General Committee took note of resolution 62/204, in which the General Assembly, decided to hold, from within existing resources, two days of high-level plenary meetings devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action during the sixty-third session of the Assembly, on 2 and 3 October 2008, to be chaired by the President of the General Assembly.

(f) **Item 57** (a) (New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support. The General Committee took note of resolutions 61/229 and 62/179, in which the General Assembly decided to convene, during its sixty-third session, a high-level meeting on the theme "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward", as well as paragraph 1 of resolution 62/242 by which the Assembly decided that the high-level meeting would be held on 22 September 2008, prior to the general debate of the sixty-third session of the Assembly.

(g) **Item 100** (Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization). As at previous sessions, the General Assembly will hear a brief presentation by the Secretary-General on his annual report[9] as the first item in the morning prior to the opening of the general debate on Tuesday, 23 September 2008.

(h) **Item 110** (Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly). The General Committee took note of resolutions 58/316 and 59/313 and, in order to facilitate the work of the Main Committees, decided to recommend that the General Assembly also allocate item 110 to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programme of work.

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[9] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 1* (A/63/1).

70. **First Committee**

Item 89 (General and complete disarmament). The General Committee took note of the fact that some portions of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency, which is to be considered directly in plenary meetings under **item 80**, deal with the subject matter of this item, and decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the relevant paragraphs of the report be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 89.

71. **Second Committee**

Item 48 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference). The General Committee took note of paragraph 1 of resolution 62/187, in which the General Assembly decided that the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus would be held in Doha from 29 November to 2 December 2008.

72. **Third Committee**

(a) **Item 56** (Advancement of women). The General Committee took note of paragraph 16 of the annex to resolution 39/125 concerning the United Nations Development Fund for Women, which reads:

> "16. Taking into account the advice of the Consultative Committee, the Administrator shall submit to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme an annual report on the operations, management and budget of the Fund. He shall submit a similar report to the General Assembly, to be referred to the Second Committee for consideration of its technical cooperation aspects and also to the Third Committee."

The General Committee therefore decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the report be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 54 (Operational activities for development).

(b) **Item 64** (Promotion and protection of human rights). The General Committee took note of paragraph 4 of resolution 62/171, by which the General Assembly decided to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at a plenary meeting to be held on 10 December 2008.

73. **Fifth Committee**

(a) **Item 119** (Programme planning). The General Committee took note of paragraph 2 of resolution 62/224, in which the General Assembly re-emphasized the role of the plenary and the Main Committees of the General Assembly in reviewing and taking action on the appropriate recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination relevant to their work, in accordance with regulation 4.10 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.[10] The General Committee also took note of paragraph 2 of resolution 61/235, by which the General Assembly requested the General Committee to take fully into account its resolutions 56/253, 57/282, 59/275 and 60/257 in the

[10] ST/SGB/2000/8.

allocation of agenda items to the Main Committees. The General Committee also recalled paragraph 9 of resolution 60/257, by which the Assembly took note of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/60/73) and encouraged intergovernmental bodies to make use of the findings in the programme performance report of the Secretary-General and evaluation reports in planning and policymaking. On that basis, the General Committee recommends that this item be allocated to all the Main Committees and the plenary of the General Assembly to enhance discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports.

(b) **Item 129** (Administration of justice at the United Nations). The General Committee took note of paragraph 68 of resolution 62/228, in which the General Assembly invited the Sixth Committee to consider the legal aspects of the reports to be submitted by the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the role of the Fifth Committee as the Main Committee entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters. The General Committee also took note of decision 62/519 whereby the General Assembly decided establish an Ad Hoc Committee on the Administration of Justice at the United Nations for the purpose of continuing the work on the legal aspects of the item, taking into account the results of the deliberations of the Sixth Committee on the item, previous decisions of the Assembly and any further decisions that the Assembly might take during its sixty-second session and that the Ad Hoc Committee should report on its work to the Assembly at its sixty-third session. The General Committee therefore decided to recommend to the Assembly that this item be allocated to the Fifth Committee and to the Sixth Committee in the light of resolution 62/228 and decision 62/519.

74. **Sixth Committee**

(a) **Item 151** (Observer status for the South Centre in the General Assembly). The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

(b) **Item 152** (Observer status for the Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation in the General Assembly). The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

(c) **Item 153** (Observer status for the University for Peace in the General Assembly). The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Other matters

75. The General Committee decided to defer its consideration of the allocation of **item 58** (Report of the Human Rights Council).

76. Taking into account paragraphs 65 to 75 above, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following allocation of items:[11]

[11] The numbers are those of the items of the agenda in paragraph 64 above.

Plenary meetings

1. Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly:
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly.
6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.
7. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee.
8. General debate.

A. Maintenance of international peace and security

9. Report of the Security Council.
10. Report of the Peacebuilding Commission.
11. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict. .
12. Prevention of armed conflict.
13. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development.
14. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic.
15. The situation in the Middle East.
16. Question of Palestine.
17. The situation in Afghanistan.
18. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan.
19. Necessity of ending the economic. commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba.
20. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development.
21. Question of Cyprus.
22. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
23. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).
24. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti.
25. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security.

26. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait.

31. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (see para. 69 (a)).

B. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

40. Report of the Economic and Social Council (see para. 69 (b)).

41. Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS.

42. Sport for peace and development.

43. 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa.

44. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields (see para. 69 (c) and (d)).

45. Culture of peace.

52. Groups of countries in special situations:

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation (see para. 69 (e)).

C. Development of Africa

57. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support:

(a) New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support (see para. 69 (f));

(b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa.

D. Promotion of human rights

59. Holocaust remembrance.

64. Promotion and protection of human rights (see para. 72 (b)).

E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts

65. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions;

(c) Assistance to the Palestinian people.

F. Promotion of justice and international law

66. Report of the International Court of Justice.

67. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.

68. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

69. Report of the International Criminal Court.

70. Oceans and the law of the sea:

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea;

(b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments.

71. Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on whether the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo is in accordance with international law.

G. Disarmament

80. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (see para. 70).

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

100. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (see para. 69 (g)).

101. Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund.

102. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.

103. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs:

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

(b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council;

(c) Election of five members of the International Court of Justice.

104. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections:

(a) Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

(b) Election of seven members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission;

(c) Election of eighteen members of the Human Rights Council.

105. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:

(g) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

(h) Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit;

(i) Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme;

(j) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

(k) Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal;

(l) Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal.

106. Admission of new Members to the United Nations.

107. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit (see para. 69 (d)).

108. Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade.

109. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations.

110. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 69 (h)).

111. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters.

112. Strengthening of the United Nations system.

113. Multilingualism.

114. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations:

(a) Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union;

(b) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization;

(c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations;

(d) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization;

(e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community;

(f) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries;

(g) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe;

(h) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States;

(i) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization;

(j) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community;

(k) Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie;

(l) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union;

(m) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System;

(n) Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States;

(o) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons;

(p) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe;

(q) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States;

(r) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

(s) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum;

(t) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization;

(u) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community.

115. Follow-up to the recommendations on administrative management and internal oversight of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme.

First Committee

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

G. Disarmament

81. Reduction of military budgets.

82. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament.

83. Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe.

84. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament.

85. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security.

86. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East.

87. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

88. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.

89. General and complete disarmament (see para. 70):

    (a) Notification of nuclear tests;

    (b) Missiles;

    (c) Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus;

    (d) Disarmament and non-proliferation education;

    (e) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures;

    (f) Transparency in armaments;

    (g) Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms;

    (h) Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status;

    (i) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;

    (j) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons and collecting them;

    (k) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

    (l) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments;

    (m) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;

    (n) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

    (o) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

(p) Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium;

(q) Reducing nuclear danger;

(r) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;

(s) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(t) Regional disarmament;

(u) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;

(v) Nuclear disarmament;

(w) Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities;

(x) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(y) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;

(z) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;

(aa) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(bb) United Nations conference to identify appropriate ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament.

90. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly:

(a) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services;

(b) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;

(e) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(f) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

(g) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;

(h) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa.

91. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session:

(a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament.

92. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East.

93. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects.

94. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region.

95. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty.

96. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

110. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 69 (h)).

119. Programme planning (see para. 73 (a)).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

A. Maintenance of international peace and security

27. Effects of atomic radiation.

28. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

29. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

30. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories.

31. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (see para. 69 (a)).

32. Questions relating to information.

33. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations.

34. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

35. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations.

36. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories.

37. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

110. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 69 (h)).

119. Programme planning (see para. 73 (a)).

Second Committee

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

A. Maintenance of international peace and security

38. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.

B. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

46. Information and communication technologies for development.

47. Macroeconomic policy questions:

(a) International trade and development;

(b) International financial system and development;

(c) External debt and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries;

(d) Commodities.

48. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference (see para. 71).

49. Sustainable development:

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity;

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session.

50. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).

51. Globalization and interdependence:

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;

(b) International migration and development;

(c) Culture and development;

(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption;

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy.

52. Groups of countries in special situations:

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation (see para. 69 (e)).

53. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

(a) Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017);

(b) Industrial development cooperation.

54. Operational activities for development (see para. 72 (a)).

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

110. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 69 (h)).

119. Programme planning (see para. 73 (a)).

Third Committee

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

A. Maintenance of international peace and security

39. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions.

B. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

55. Social development:

(a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;

(b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;

(c) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing;

(d) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all;

(e) Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons.

56. Advancement of women (see para. 72 (a)):

(a) Advancement of women;

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

D. Promotion of human rights

60. Promotion and protection of the rights of children:

(a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children;

(b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.

61. Indigenous issues:

(a) Indigenous issues;

(b) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

62. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination:

(a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

63. Right of peoples to self-determination.

64. Promotion and protection of human rights (see para. 72 (b)):

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

97. Crime prevention and criminal justice.

98. International drug control.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

110. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 69 (h)).

119. Programme planning (see para. 73 (a)).

Fifth Committee

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

105. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

(d) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

(e) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission;

(f) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee.

110. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 69 (h)).

116. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors:

(a) United Nations;

(b) United Nations peacekeeping operations;

(c) International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO;

(d) United Nations University;

(e) Capital master plan;

(f) United Nations Development Programme;

(g) United Nations Children's Fund;

(h) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

(i) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(j) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(k) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(l) United Nations Population Fund;

(m) United Nations Human Settlements Programme;

(n) Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

(o) United Nations Office for Project Services;

(p) International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994;

(q) International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

117. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.

118. Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

119. Programme planning (see para. 73 (a)).

120. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations.

121. Pattern of conferences.

122. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations.

123. Human resources management.

124. Joint Inspection Unit.

125. United Nations common system.

126. United Nations pension system.

127. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

128. Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

129. Administration of justice at the United Nations (see para. 73 (b)).

130. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.

131. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

132. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations.

133. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi.

134. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire.

135. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

136. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

137. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor.

138. Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste.

139. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea.

140. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia.

141. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti.

142. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo.

143. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia.

144. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East:

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

145. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone.

146. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan.

147. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara.

148. Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur.

149. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad.

Sixth Committee

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

F. Promotion of justice and international law

72. Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States.

73. Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission.

74. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-first session.

75. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session.

76. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts.

77. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives.

78. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization.

79. The rule of law at the national and international levels.

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

99. Measures to eliminate international terrorism.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

110. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 69 (h)).

119. Programme planning (see para. 73 (a)).

129. Administration of justice at the United Nations (see para. 73 (b)).

150. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

151. Observer status for the South Centre in the General Assembly (see para. 74 (a)).

152. Observer status for the Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation in the General Assembly (see para. 74 (b)).

153. Observer status for the University for Peace in the General Assembly (see para. 74 (c)).

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Under "Plenary meetings", section I, "Organizational, administrative and other matters", after agenda item 115, *insert*

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Second report of the General Committee

1. At its 3rd meeting, on 29 October 2008, the General Committee considered a request submitted by the Congo (A/63/233) for the inclusion in the agenda of the sixty-third session of an additional item entitled:

"Recognition of sickle-cell anaemia as a public health priority".

In that connection, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item:

(a) Be included in the agenda under heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences);

(b) Be considered directly in plenary meeting.

2. At the same meeting, the General Committee also considered a request submitted by Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan (A/63/234) for the inclusion in the agenda of the sixty-third session of an additional item entitled:

"Granting of observer status for the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea in the General Assembly".

In that connection, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item:

(a) Be included in the agenda under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters);

(b) Be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

3. Also at the same meeting, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that agenda item 58 (Report of the Human Rights Council) be considered in plenary meeting and in the Third Committee, on the understanding that the Third Committee would consider and act on all recommendations of the

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Human Rights Council to the Assembly, including those that deal with the development of international law in the field of human rights, without prejudice to the right of Member States to present resolutions and decisions on all issues considered in the report of the Council. Taking this recommendation into account, the Assembly, in plenary meeting, would consider the report of the Council on its activities for the year. It is also understood that the current agreement is in no way a reinterpretation of Assembly resolution 60/251 and that it will be reviewed before the beginning of the sixty-fourth session of the Assembly.